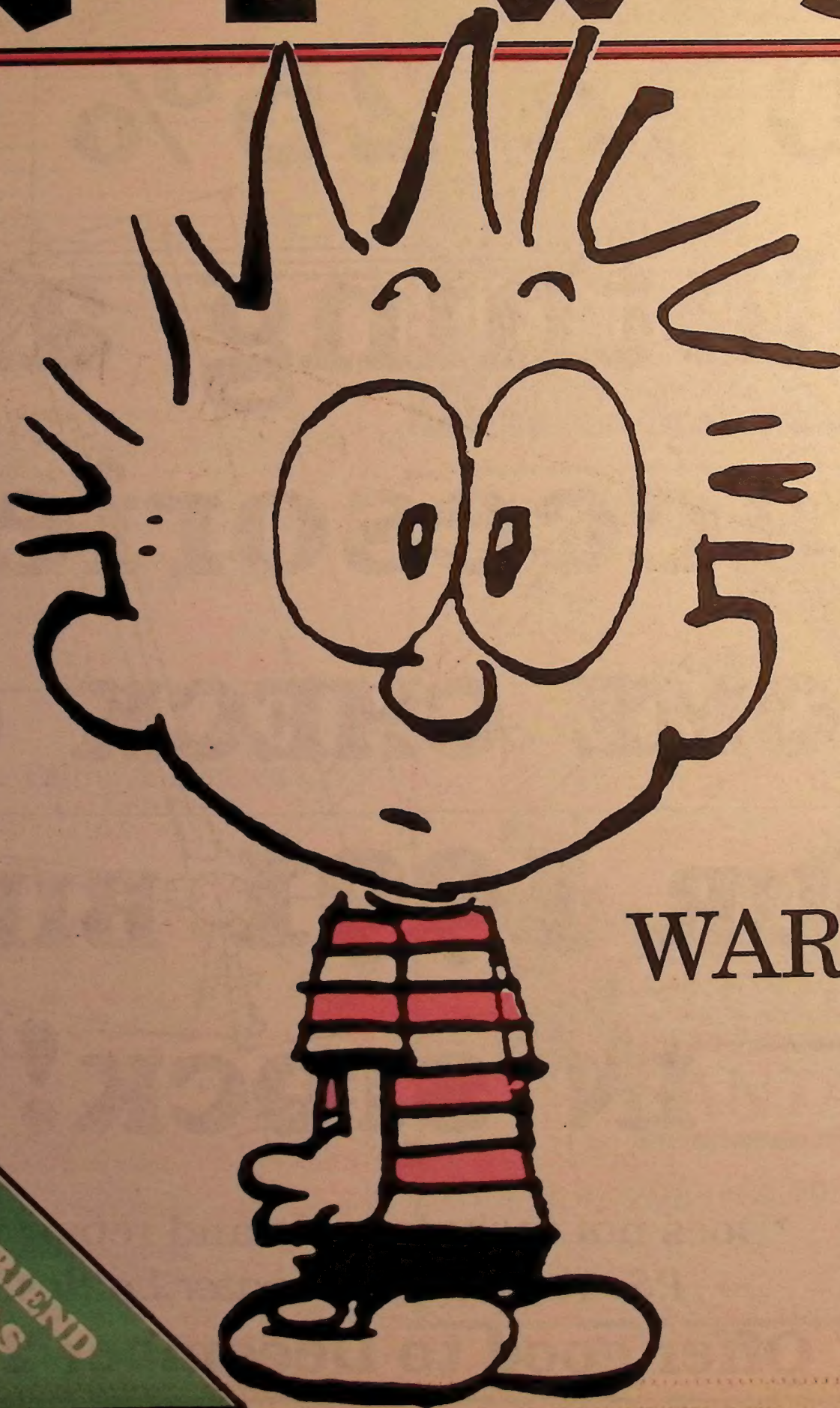


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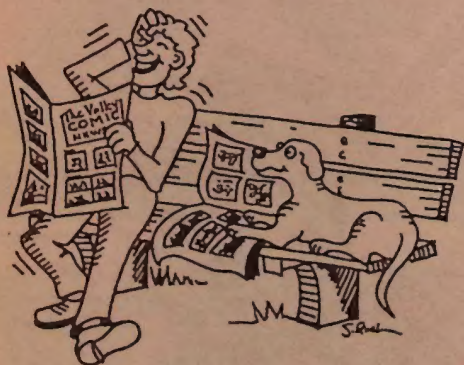
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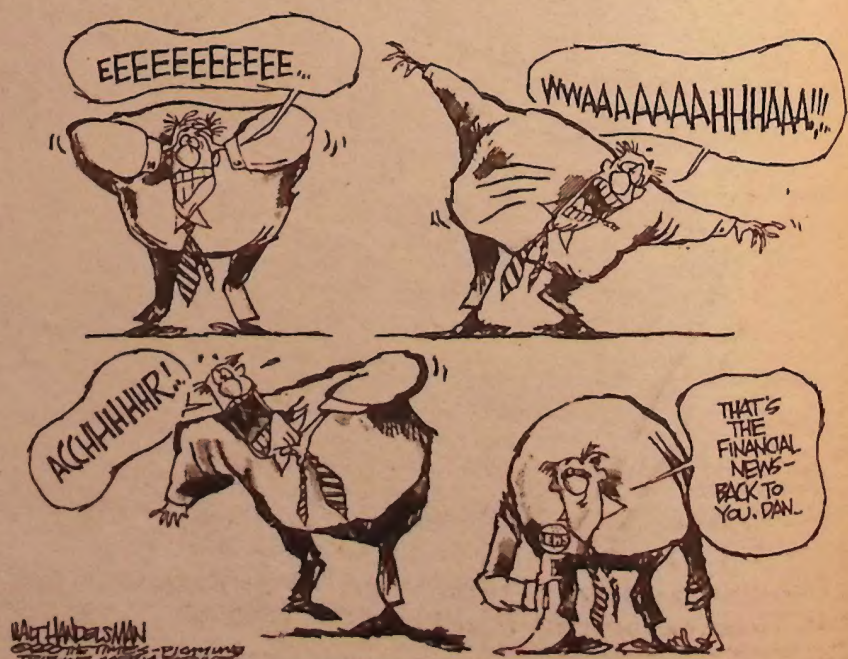
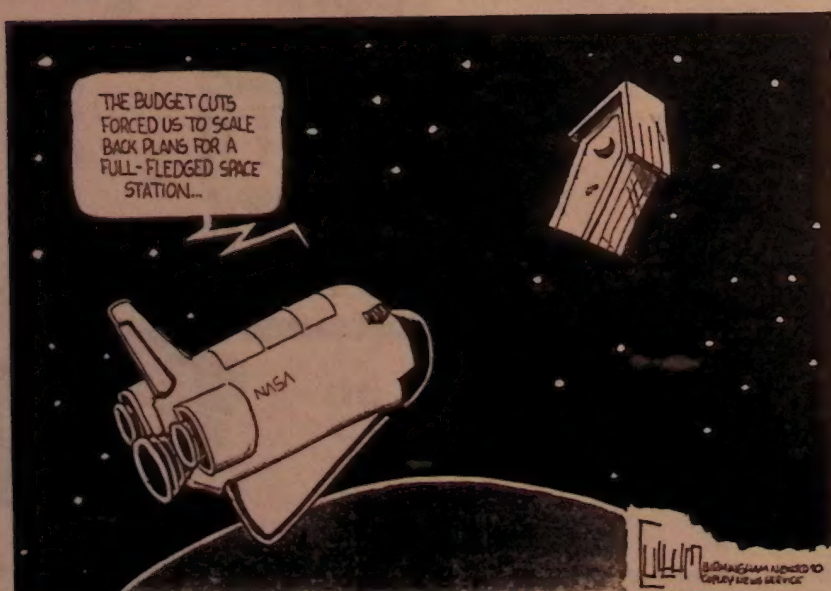
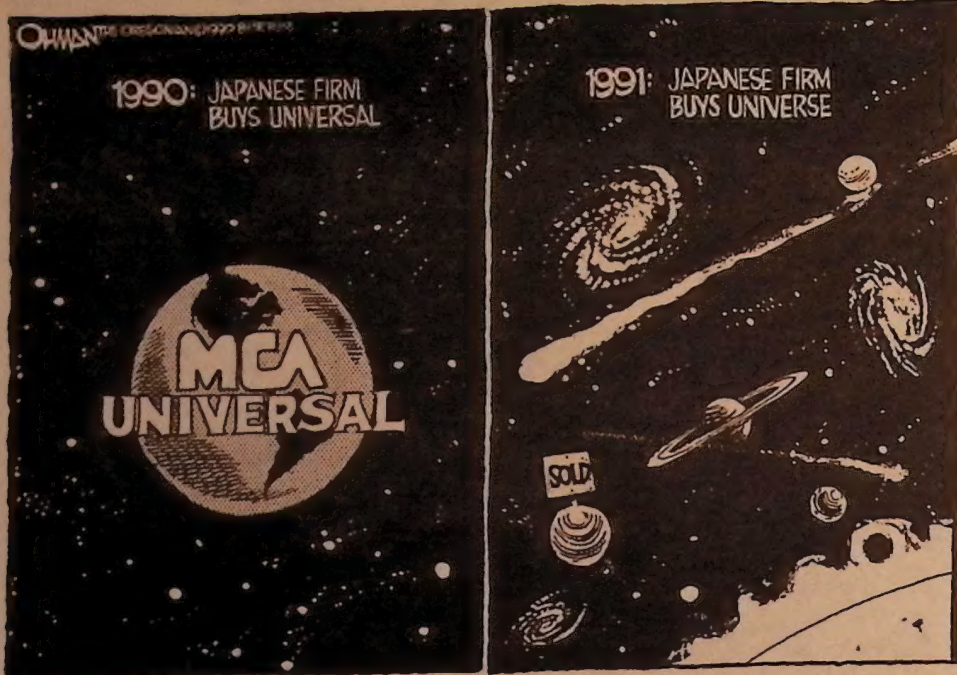


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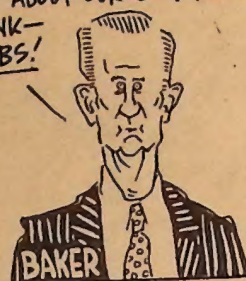
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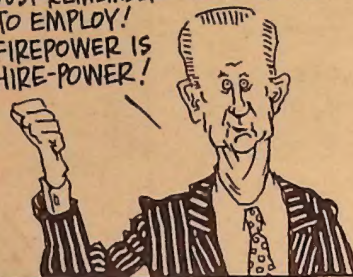
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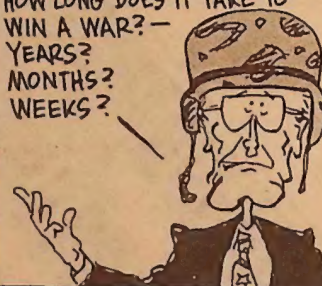
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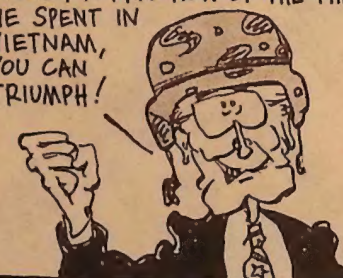
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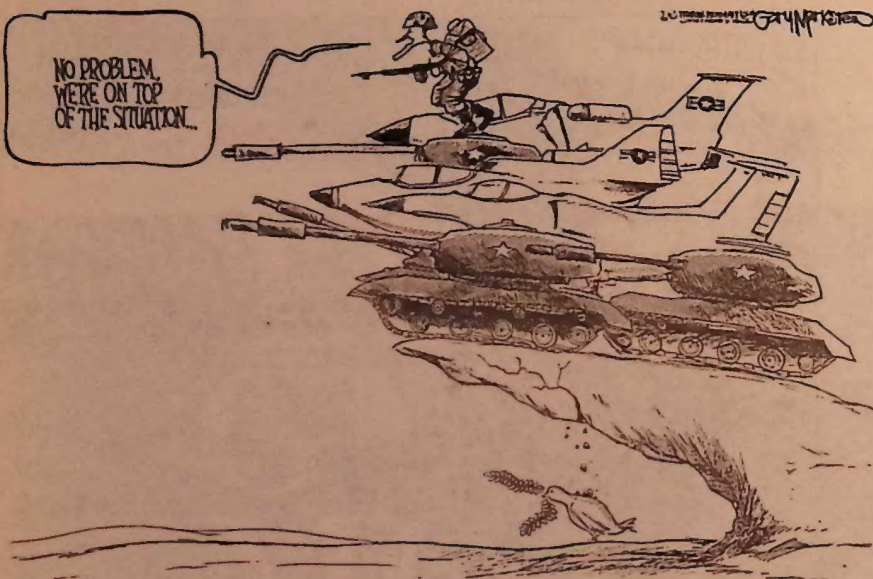
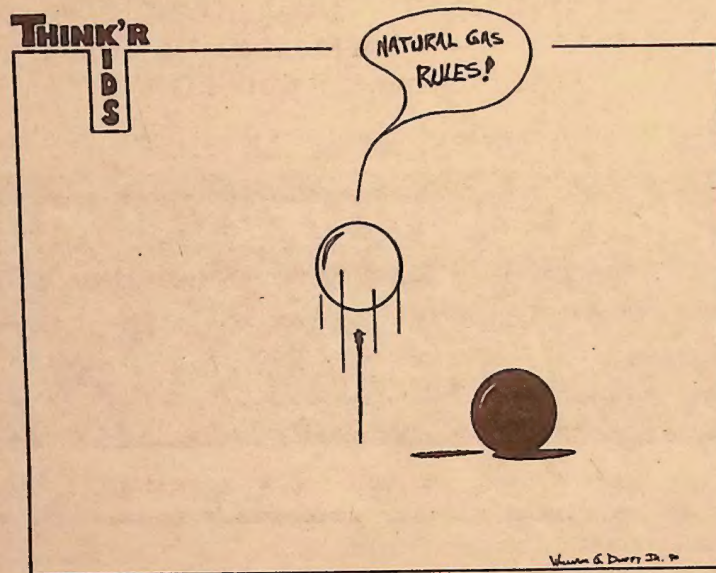


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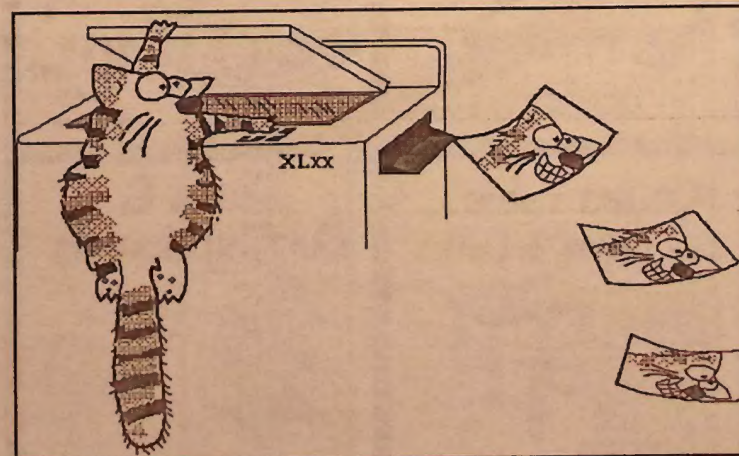
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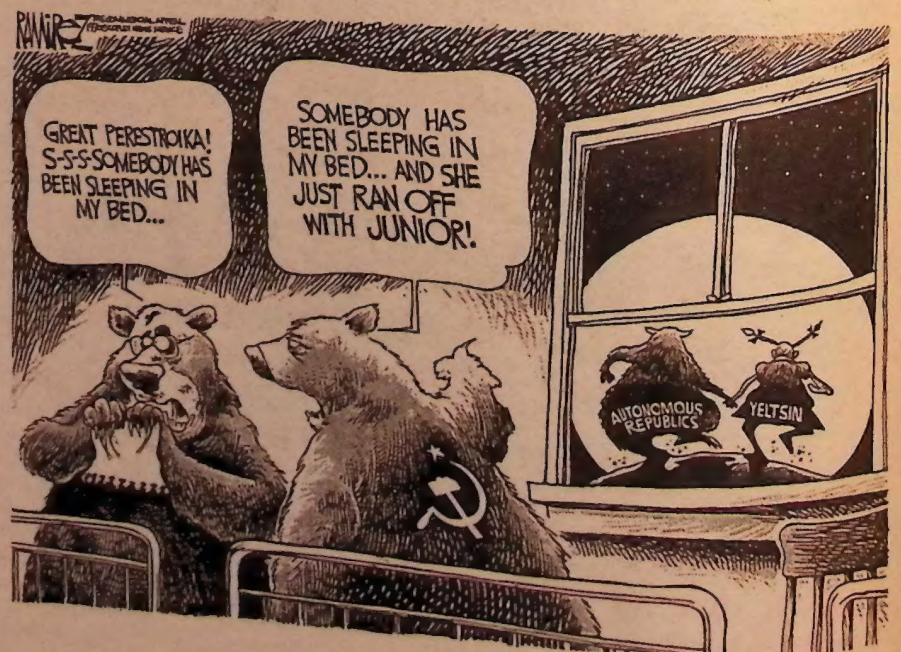
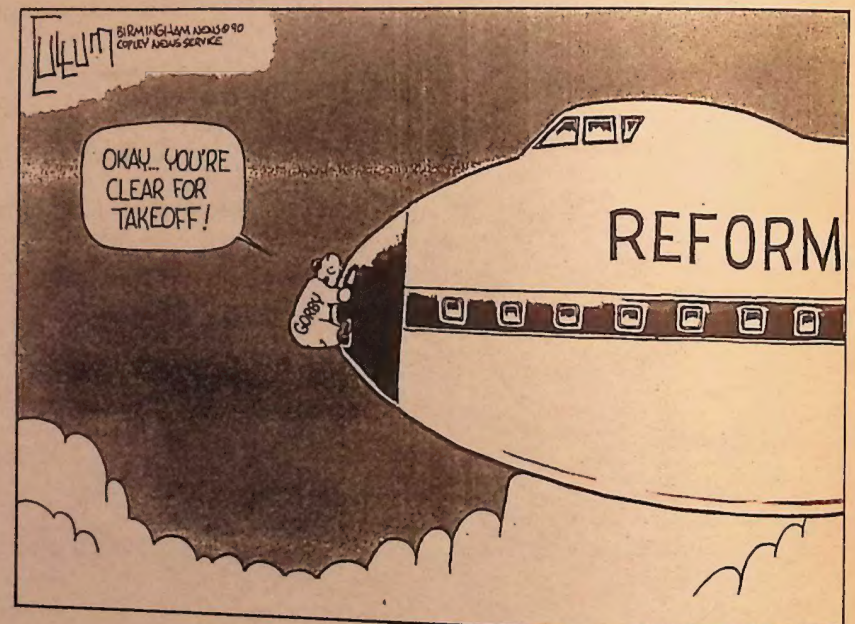
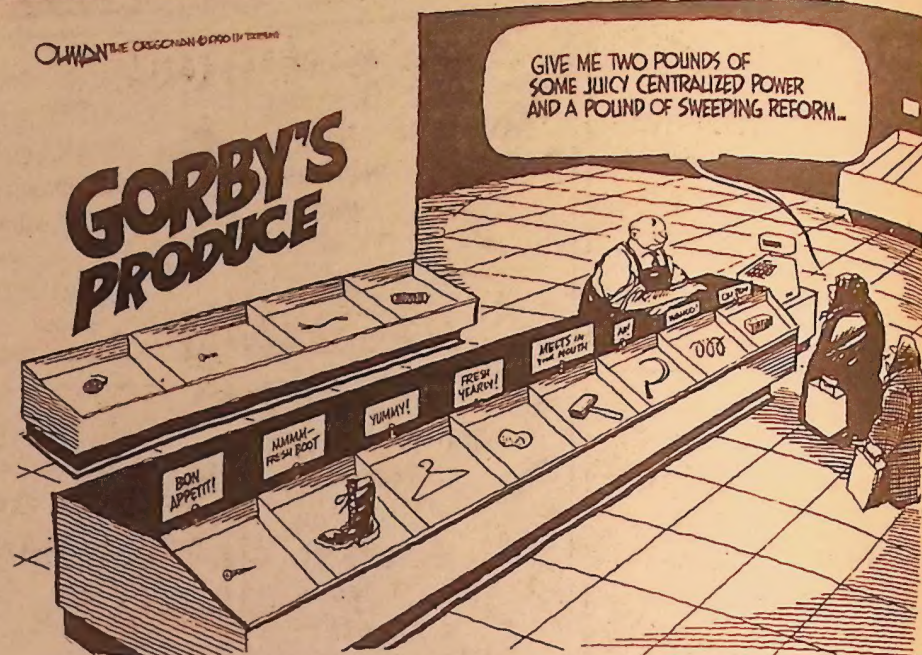
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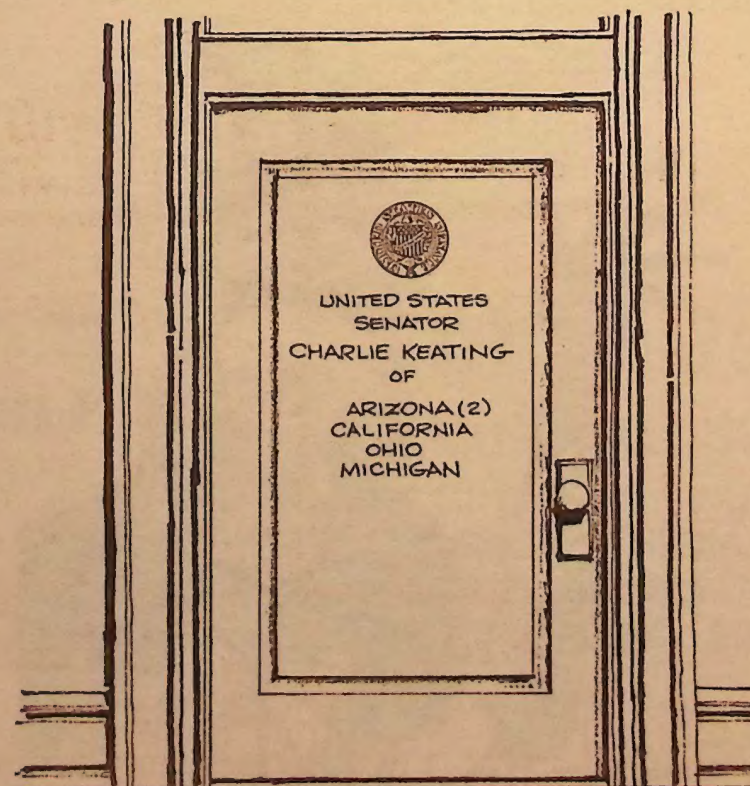
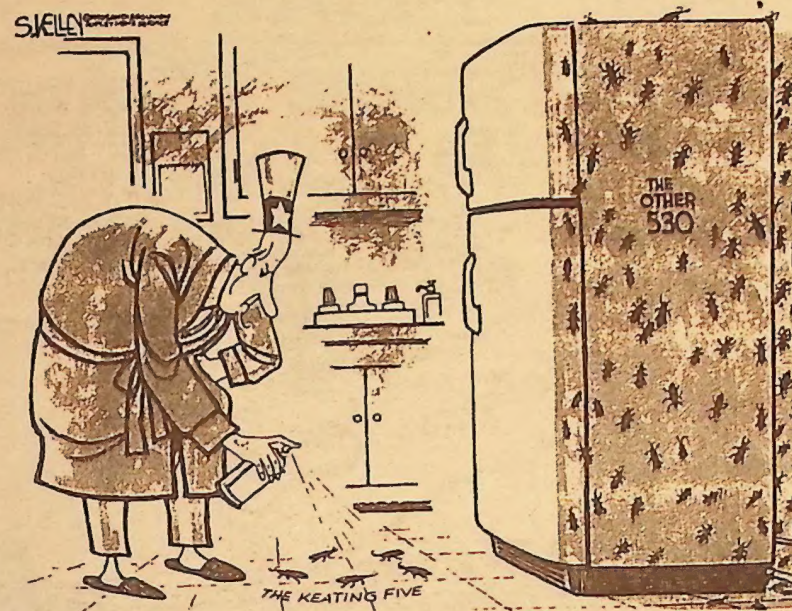
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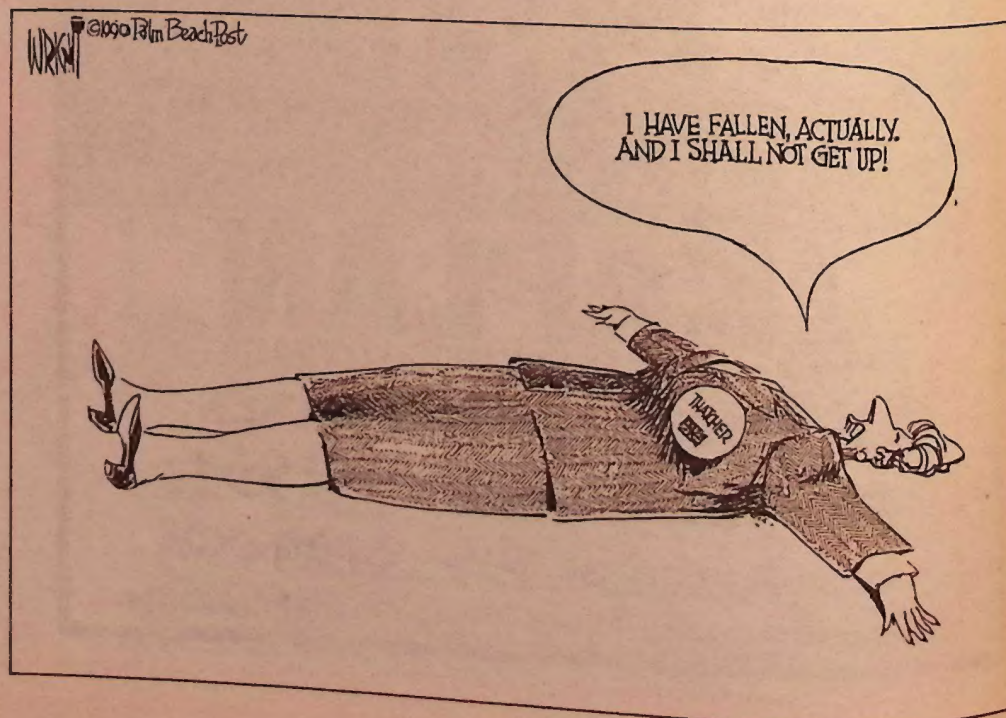
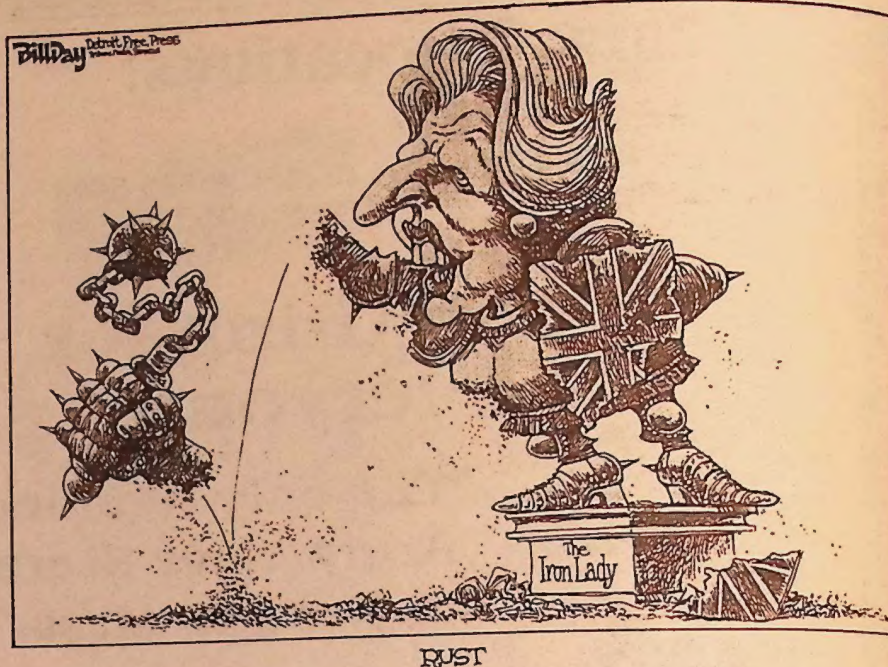
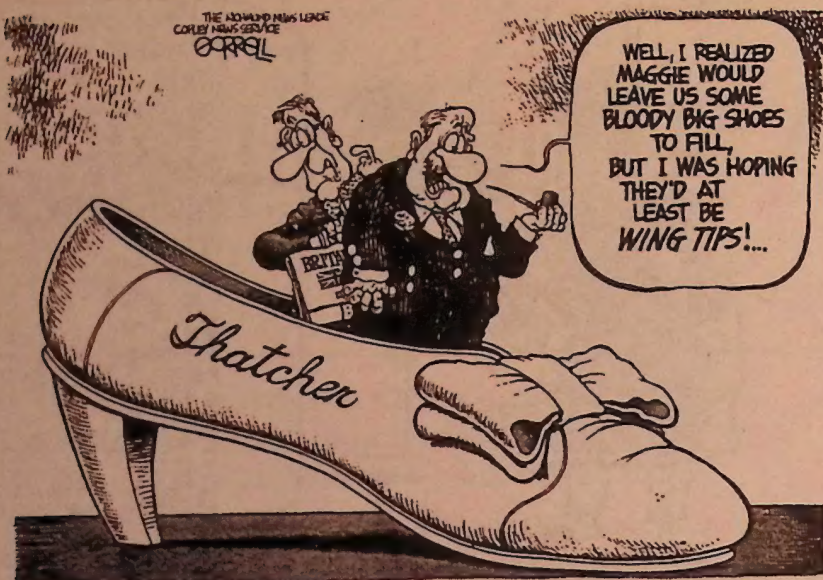
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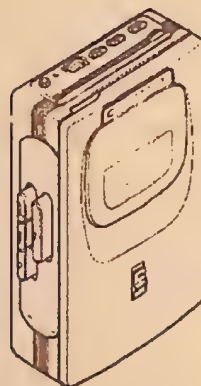
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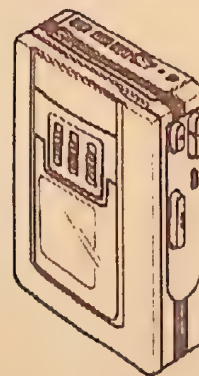
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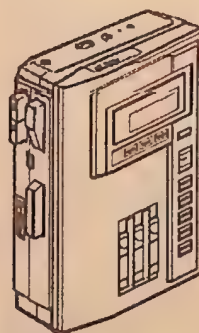
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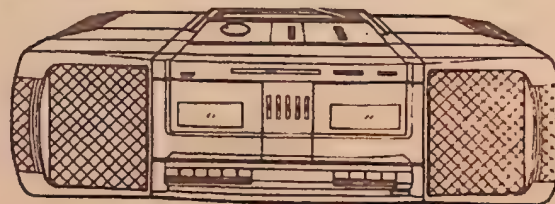


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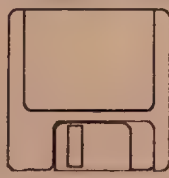
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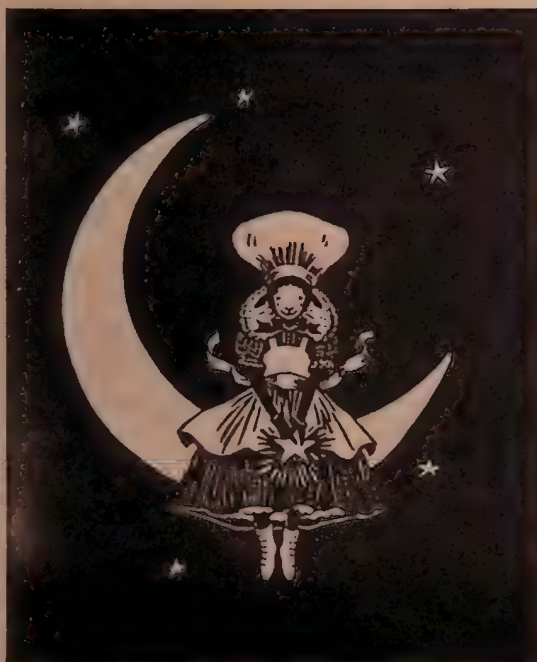
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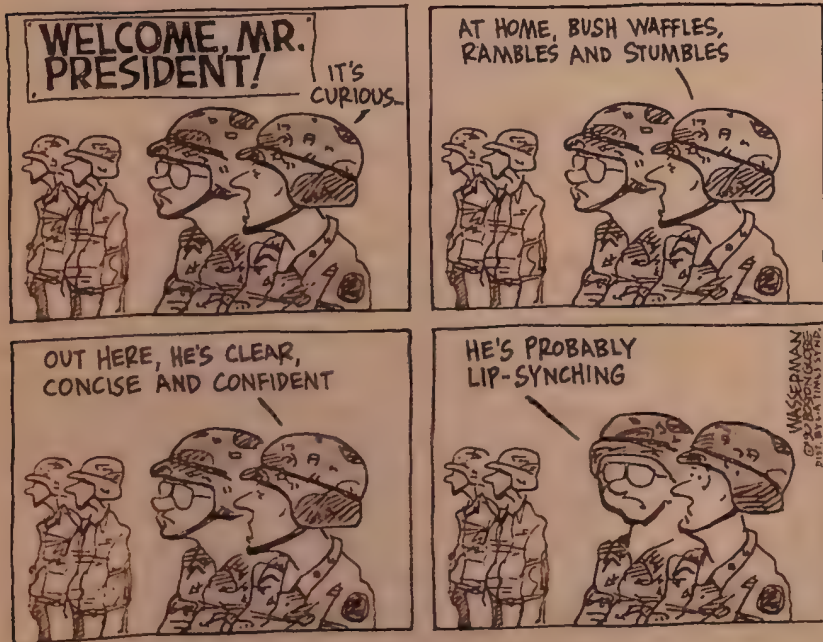
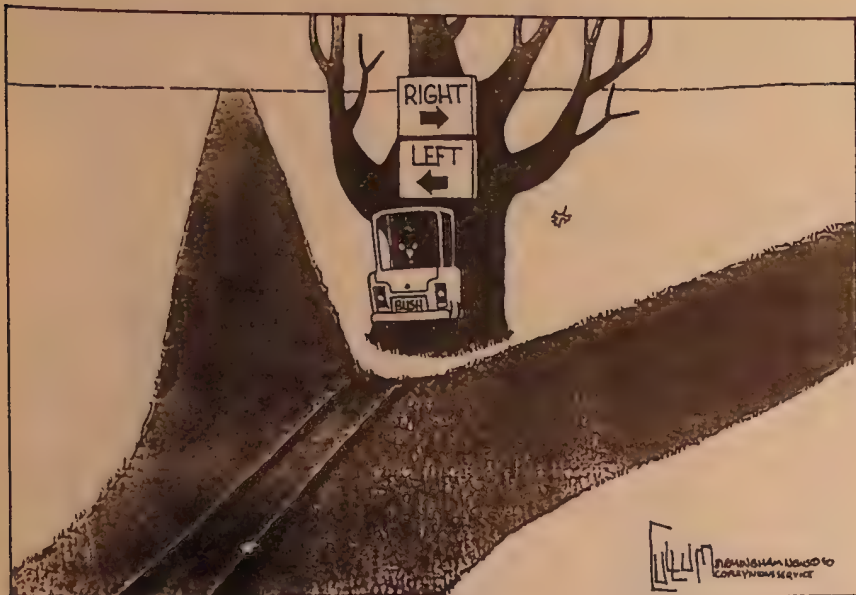


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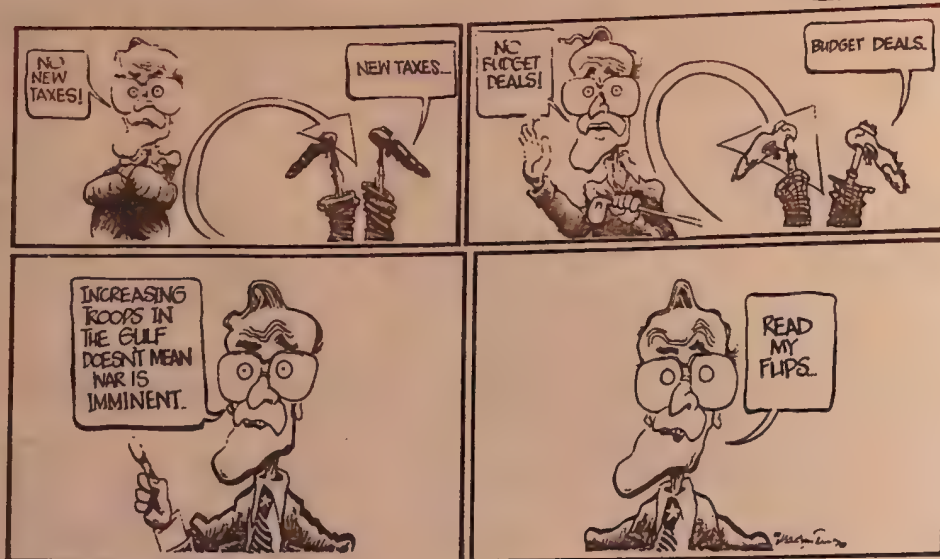
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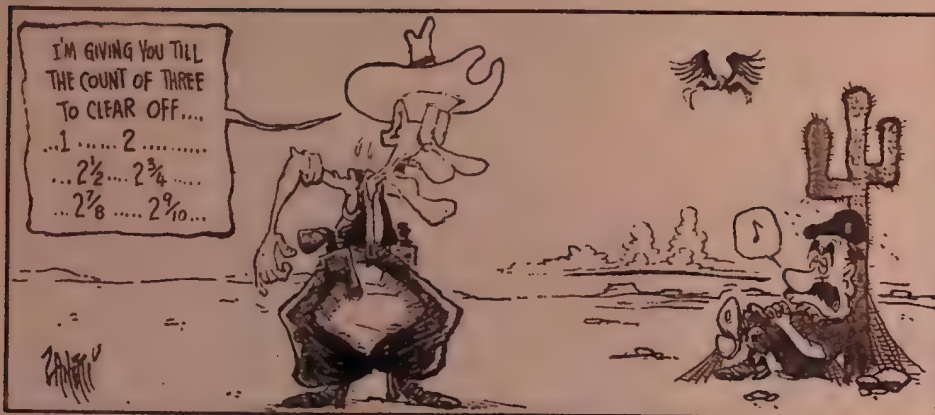


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Q. Can a homing pigeon over Nevada hear the Pacific?

A. Evidently. Ocean rollers send infrasonic mumblings across much mileage, even as elephants and earthquakes. Lot of birds and beasts sense the rumblings. Seagulls over Salt Lake City hear the water to the west, it's believed. Whales may be panicked by the groaning earth beneath the shaky shorelines.

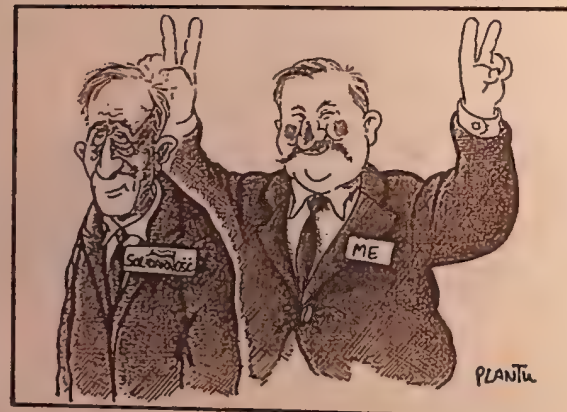
Q. Two presidents were bachelors when they were inaugurated. One was James Buchanan. Who was the other?

A. Grover Cleveland. Buchanan stayed single. Cleveland a couple of years after his inauguration married his 21-year-old ward, Frances Folsom.

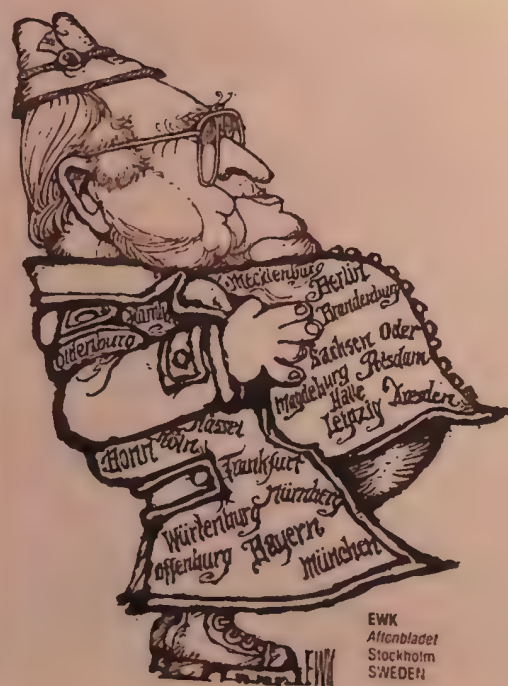
A golfball with an internal temperature of 125-degrees F., say the experts, flies about 25 per cent faster. Don't test this, prithee, with your microwave oven.

It was in 1745 that Prince Charles of Prussia cried, "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes." In 1757 Frederick the Great also yelled it. In 1775 at the Battle of Bunker Hill, Col. William Prescott delivered the line again. That made it, finally, into the popular history books.

The Los Angeles Rams don't play in Los Angeles. The New York Giants don't play in New York. Neither do the New York Jets. The Dallas Cowboys don't play in Dallas. Any more?



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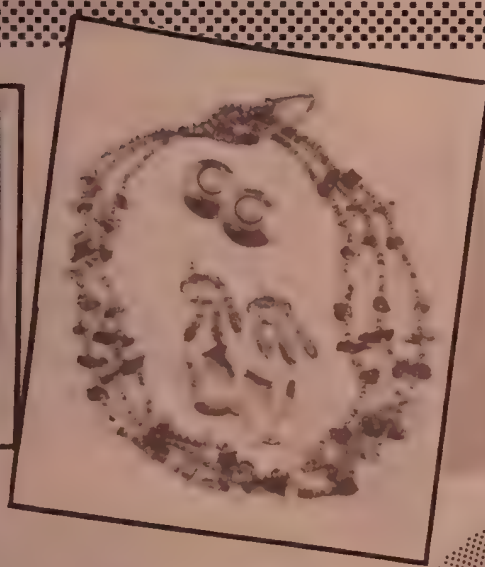


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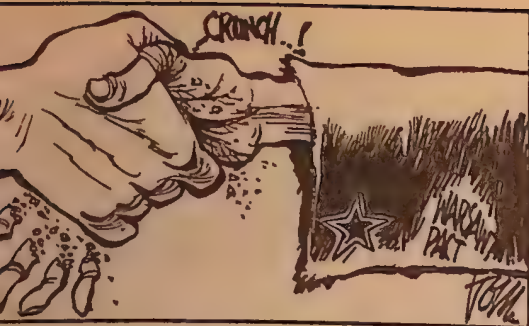


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Q. What prompted Paul McCartney to give up the trumpet?
A. Sore lips.

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Caspian Sea is rising. Five feet since 1978. Expected to flood out 1.5 million Russians in the next 10 years.

Q. "Virility" applies to men. What word means the same for women?
A. "Muliebrity."

Q. Was there ever really a bartender named "Tom Collins"?
A. There was. Working Limmer's Old House of London in the 1800s. His most popular drink wound up with his name.

"Tuka" means "peacock" in India's Tamil language. Christopher Columbus knew that. So when he first saw a turkey, he called it a "tuka." Others then called it something like that. Close enough. It wound up "turkey."

Thirty-six people died when the Hindenburg burned. Those were the only deaths of the zeppelin era. One crash put an end to what many thought might be the most promising flight system of all.

Q. What makes nonchlorine "fabric brighteners" work?
A. An optical bleach. It reflects blue light. That combines with yellow discoloration. To produce white light. So fabrics look brighter.

When college-age couples break up, how long does it take the disenchanted partners to recover? Researchers have studied that, too. A third of such split pairs appear to get over it in less than a month. Another third, in one to six months. The final third, in six to 12 months, if ever.

Q. What did they have in common, these U.S. Presidents — William McKinley, Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson?
A. Law school dropouts, all.

Q. Two U.S. presidents were orphans. Name them.
A. Andrew Jackson and Herbert Hoover.

Of the Wild West's Calamity Jane, it was written: "She swore, she drank, she wore men's clothing. She was 50 years ahead of her time."

FUN FACTS

Q. Who was the most married man in history?
A. The King of Siam. Mongkut, by name. He was "The King and I" one. With 9,000 wives and concubines. When reporting this, statisticians like to point out Solomon only had 700.

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You might find the filmmaker Ken Burns worth quoting: "The great arrogance of the present," he said, "is to forget the intelligence of the past."

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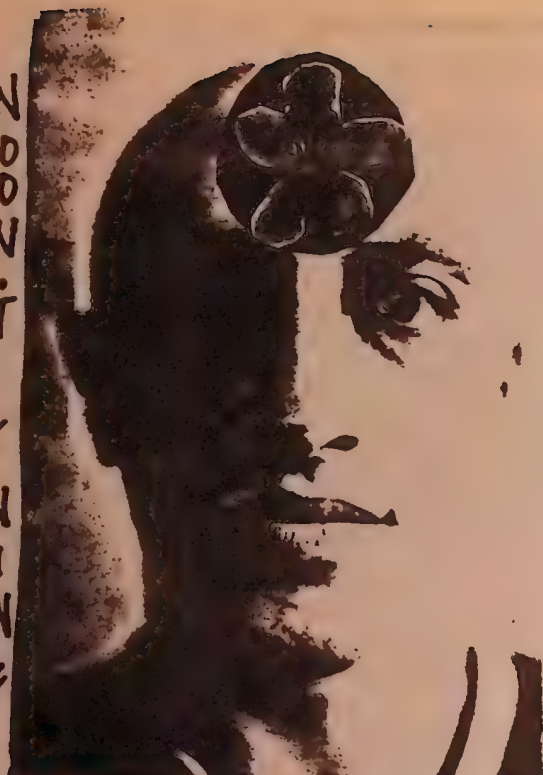
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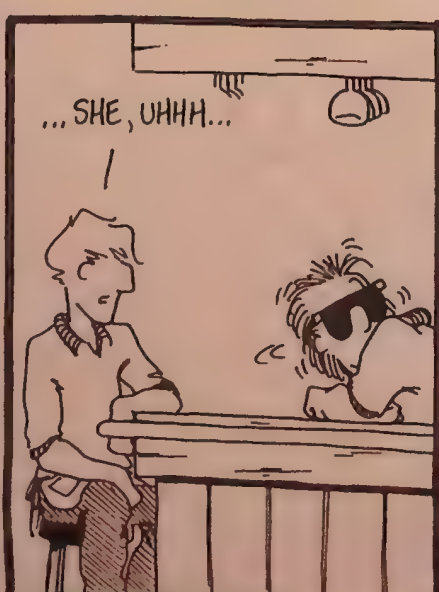
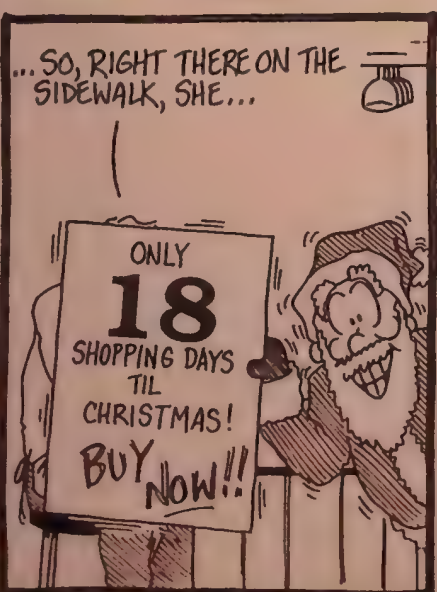
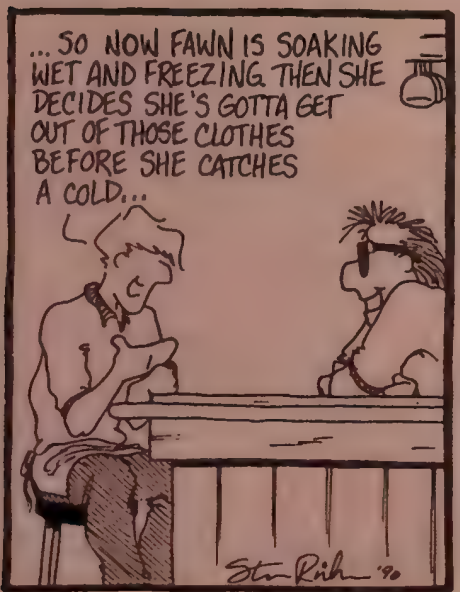
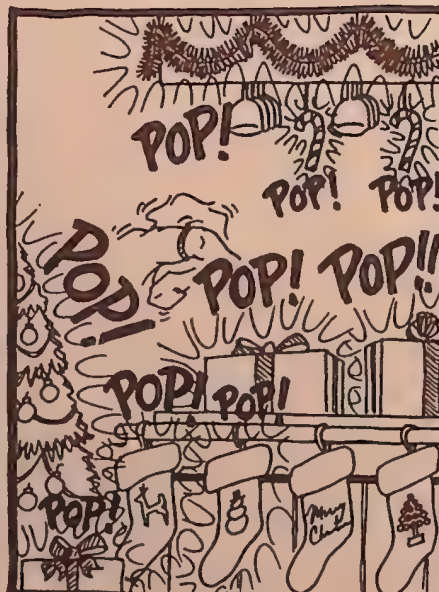
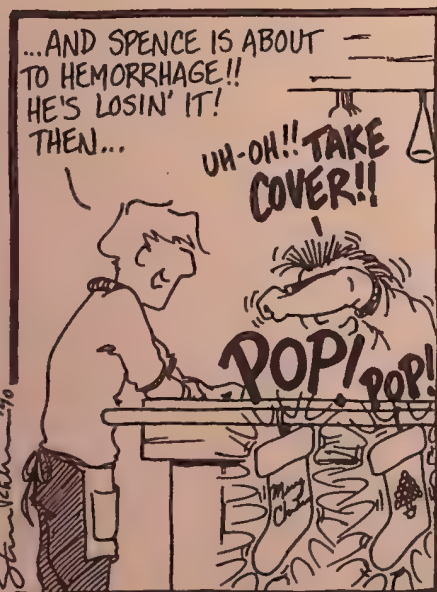
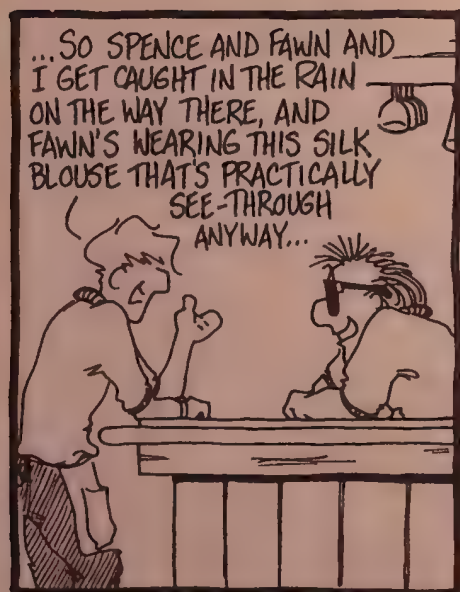
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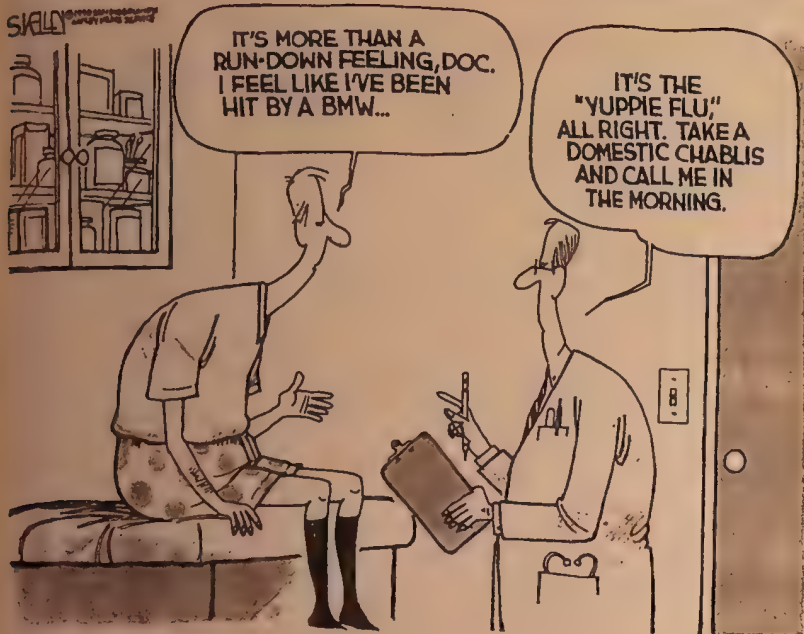
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Nuclear News

 Australia announced that cleaning up the Maralinga nuclear testing site in the South Australian desert, where Britain exploded nine bombs in the atmosphere during the 1950s, could cost more than \$490 million. Twelve square miles of land owned by the local Tjarutja Aboriginal people were declared still unfit for permanent settlement because of plutonium contamination. However, the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy, John Kerin, said in a statement: "All of this land is suitable for casual access by Aborigines during the course of hunting or in transit."


A top Soviet researcher revealed that some 500,000 citizens living near the Semipalatinsk test site in central Kazakhstan have suffered from the effects of radiation, and 100,000 of them died of cancer. Dr. Boris Gusef, head of the Soviet Radiology Research Institute, told reporters that the victims all lived within a 345-mile radius of where the Soviet Union carried out more than 200 tests above ground between 1949 and 1965. He also said that cases of leukemia increased there by 70 percent between 1955 and 1960, and infant mortality doubled.

Scientists from Great Britain and the United States conducted an underground nuclear test at the Nevada Test Site on Nov. 14. High-rise buildings in Las Vegas, 105 miles away, swayed from the force of the explosion, estimated to have had a yield of 20-150 kilotons. Activists from the Greenpeace environmental organization delayed the blast by hiking close to ground zero, then running in front of remote television cameras just prior to the scheduled detonation.


France carried out a nuclear test beneath its Fangataufa Atoll in the South Pacific on Nov. 14. The blast had a yield of less than 100 kilotons, and was said to have been conducted to prepare atomic warheads for France's nuclear strike force.




Earthquakes

 Worldwide seismic activity increased dramatically following an unusually quiet week. A strong tremor jolted the northern part of Indonesia's Sumatra Island, and shook tall buildings in Thailand and Malaysia. It was the strongest quake in the region since 1936. Other earth movements were felt in northern Peru, northwestern Yugoslavia, the Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, the Soviet Far East, Taiwan, Panama, South Carolina, and Oklahoma.

Typhoon

 Remnants of typhoon Mike swept into Vietnam after leaving behind more than 100 people dead in its path of devastation across the central Philippines. President Corazon Aquino declared "a state of public calamity" in 31 of the country's 73 provinces, where high winds, landslides, and flooding from the storm were most severe.


Floods

 Health teams were dispatched to the Indian state of Orissa where two weeks of flooding has left 150 people dead, and sparked an outbreak of cholera.


Floods in Honduras killed nine people, left more than 20,000 homeless, and caused serious damage to crops and roads.

Several days of heavy rains in British Columbia and Washington State produced widespread flooding and brought some rivers to near-record levels. No injuries were reported in the affected areas, but hundreds of people were forced out of their homes and farms.

Seal Slaughter

 Hungry Peruvian Air Force conscripts have killed and eaten dozens of seals on a beach about 40 miles south of Lima. Budget cuts have reduced military rations and supplies throughout the country.

World Health

 Malaria, hepatitis, tuberculosis and parasites brought by the white man have wiped out one in 10 of Brazil's Yanomami Amazon natives since 1987, according to Funai, the government's National Indian Foundation. Foundation president Cantidio Guerreiro Guimaraes told reporters the figure of 1,500 deaths confirmed the "threat of extinction" to the Yanomami, the largest forest tribe in the Americas.

A new medicine developed by German scientists to treat leprosy has been successfully tested in Nepal. Cotrifacid cured 41 patients in the Himalayan kingdom, and offers hope to the estimated 10 to 12 million sufferers around the world, most of whom are ostracized from their communities by the disfiguring disease.

Additional Sources: U. S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Military Typhoon Warning Center at Guam, U. S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.



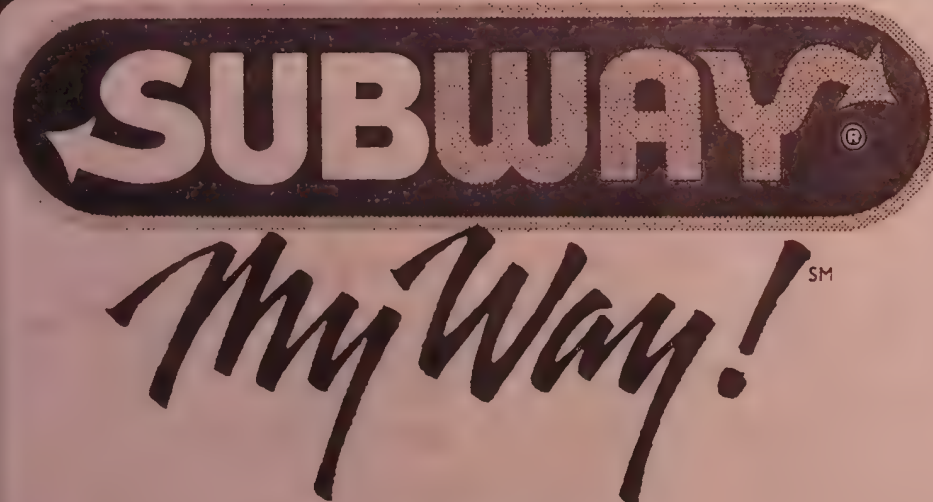
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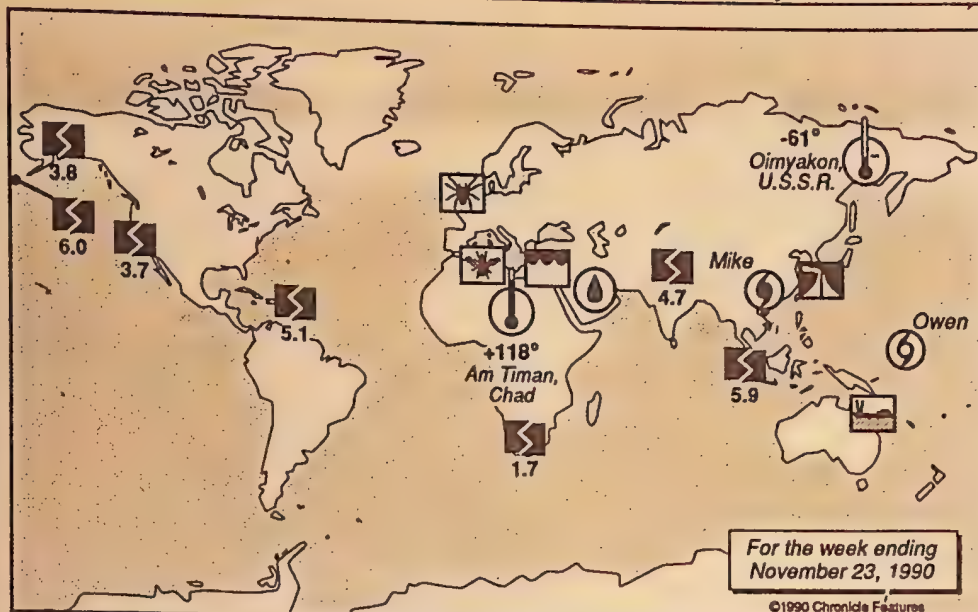
 The U.S. and Libya have put aside political differences to help eradicate flesh-eating maggots that threaten humans and animals throughout Africa. So far the problem of the screwworm fly and its killer maggots is confined to Libya. Libyans are being taught how to recognize the red-eyed insect, and how to avoid becoming infested. The fly lays eggs in sores or open wounds which hatch into larvae within a few hours. These burrow deep into their host's body, right into its organs. Death can come within 10 days for a fully-grown cow. Donald Lindquist, the American director of the U.N. project to combat the fly, warned that "if it gets into the Nile Valley and spreads south, then creatures throughout the continent will be severely affected." The insects may have entered Libya on livestock from Latin America.


Sinking Nile

 A U.S. study shows that the northern portion of the Nile delta, whose fertile soil allowed Egypt to become one of the cradles of civilization, is tilting and sinking toward the Mediterranean at an alarming rate. Daniel J. Stanley, Senior Oceanographer at the Museum of Natural History, made the conclusion after studying the results of five drilling expeditions to Egypt during recent years. Stanley predicted that the sinking, combined with projected rises in sea level, is likely to cause the coastline to recede about 20 miles inland during the next 100 years.


Rain Prayers

 United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan urged the nation's 1.6 million people to pray for rain on Nov. 22. The UAE receives an average of less than five inches of rainfall per year, and relies on winter rains to supplement its desert ground water resources.


**Tropical Storms**

 Typhoon Mike skirted northern Vietnam, then dissipated over southern China. Late reports from Radio Hanoi told of a tornado, spawned by an earlier storm, that killed 68 people on November 9. Tropical storm Owen formed in the western Pacific.


Reef Pilots

 The Australian government announced plans to protect its main tourist attraction, the Great Barrier Reef, by requiring certain ships to carry government pilots. "An oil spill in the area could destroy the reef forever," said Environment Minister Ros Kelly when she announced the move. Ships longer than 230 feet, including all oil tankers, liquefied-gas carriers, and chemical carriers, regardless of size, will have to take on the pilots. The Great Barrier Reef runs 1,500 miles along the country's northeastern coast, and is the world's largest.

Volcano


 Steam, ash, and hot mud spewed from a Japanese volcano that had been dormant for almost 200 years. Mount Unzen last erupted in 1792 and caused one of Japan's worst natural disasters. Historic records say that 15,000 people were killed by streams of lava and tidal waves. Since little scientific data has been collected around Mount Unzen, scientists aren't sure whether the recent activity could be a sign that an explosive eruption is about to occur.

Earthquakes

 The bodies of 12 gold miners were recovered after two separate rockfalls caused by tremors, which shook two South African mines near Carletonville. Strong aftershocks of the Nov. 14 temblor that rocked southern Thailand and Sumatra were felt throughout the region. Earth movements were also felt in western Nepal,

from Puerto Rico to the Leeward Islands, Southern California, central Alaska, and the central Aleutian Islands.

Pet Cruelty

 A magistrate told a British man that spiders have feelings and fined him for cruelty after he left his pet tarantula without food or water for nine days. Liam Conway, 22, from Birmingham, left the hairy zebra tarantula in a glass tank when he moved out of his home quickly because of debts. A prosecutor for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said the four-inch insect-eating spider could survive long periods without food, but needed water at all times. "It's a creature and it has feelings," said Magistrate Raymond Rider, who fined Conway \$100.

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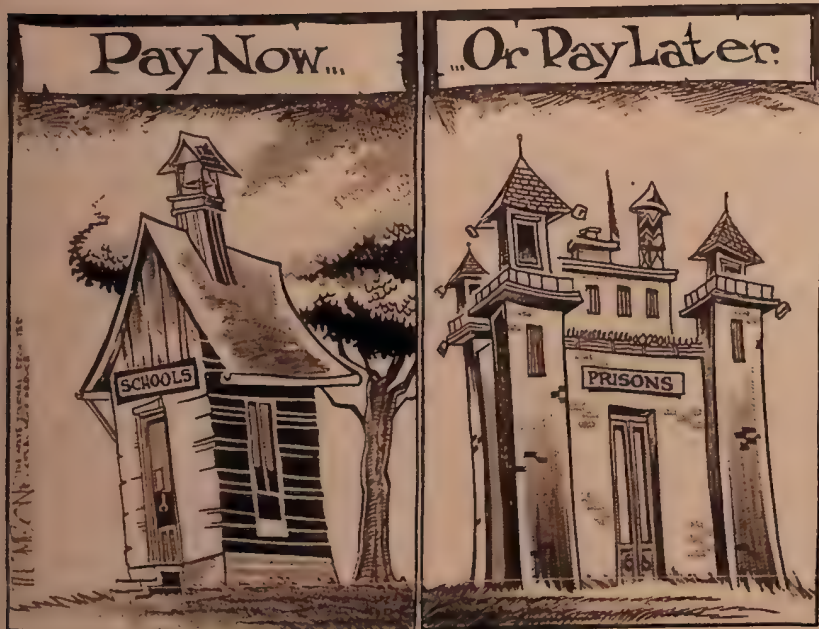


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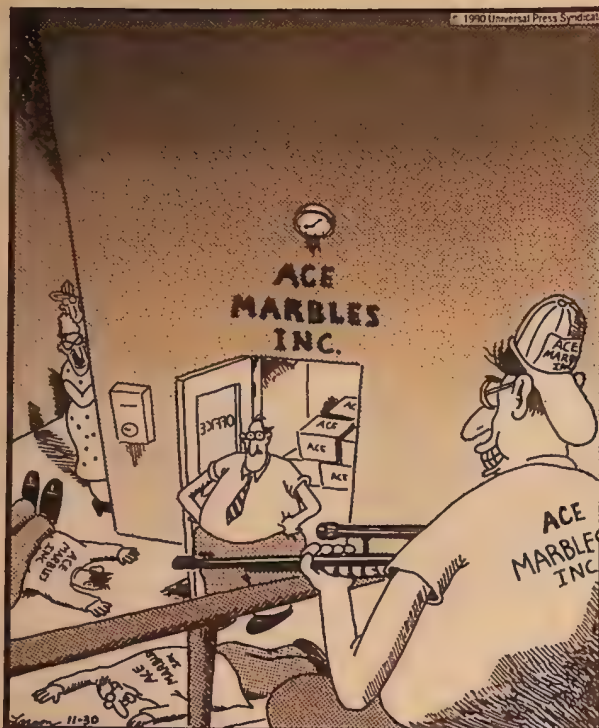
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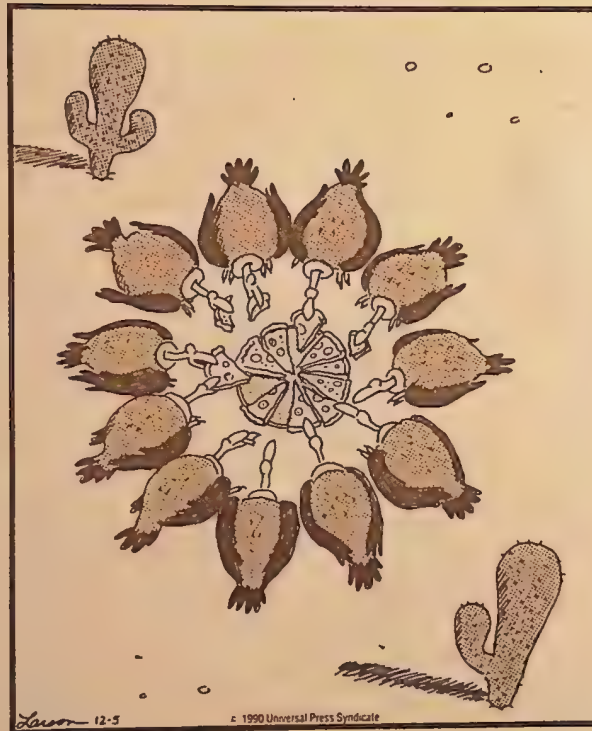
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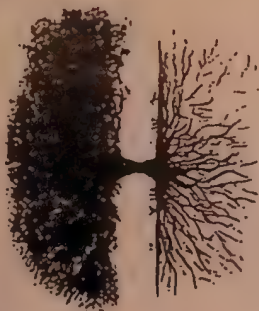
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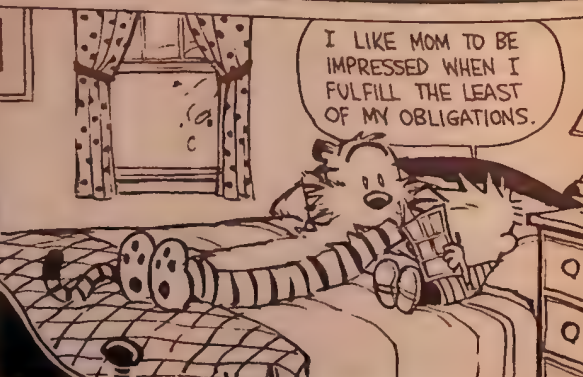
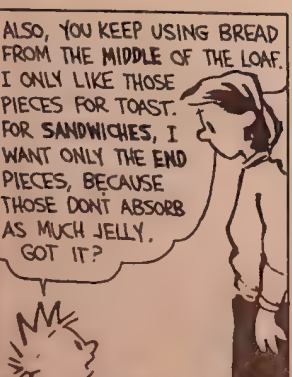
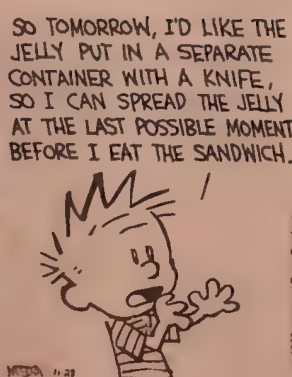
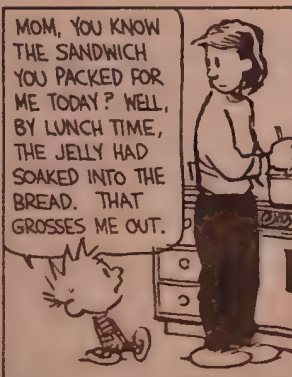
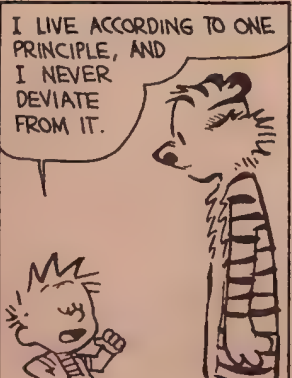
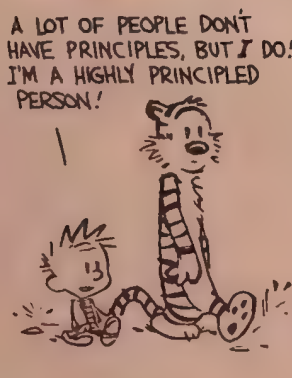
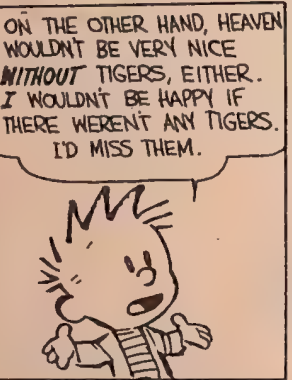
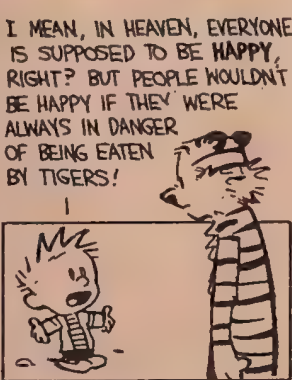
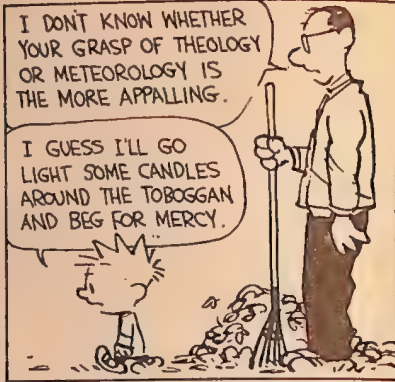
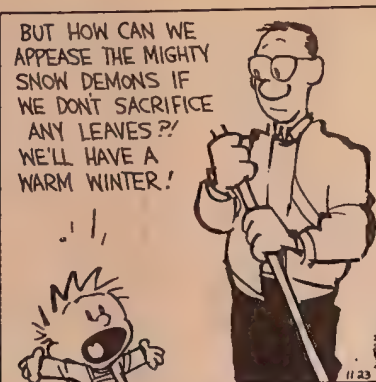
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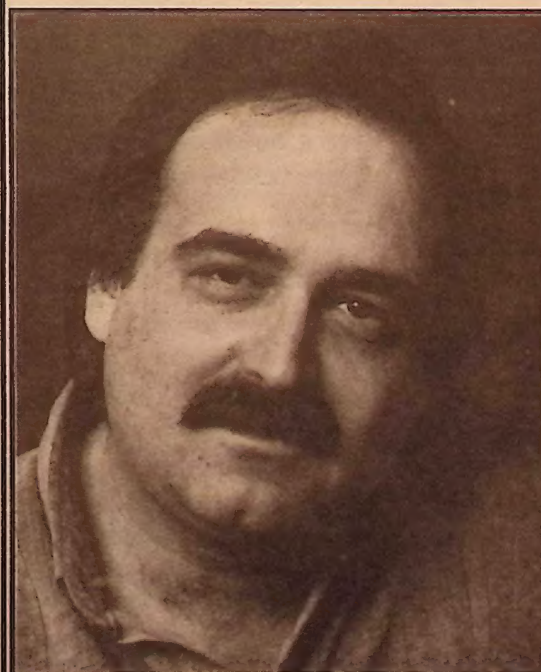
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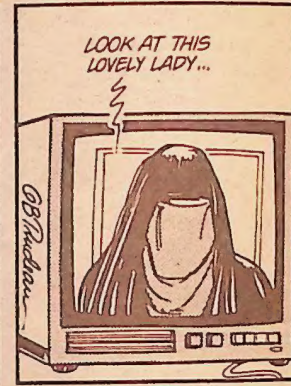
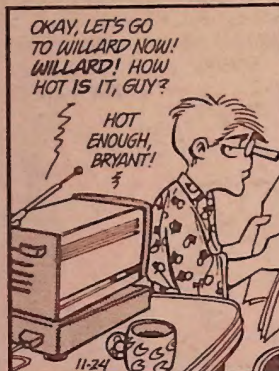
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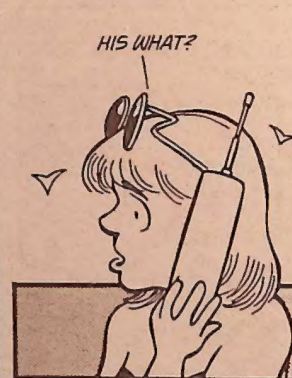
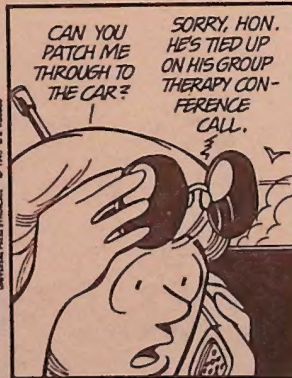
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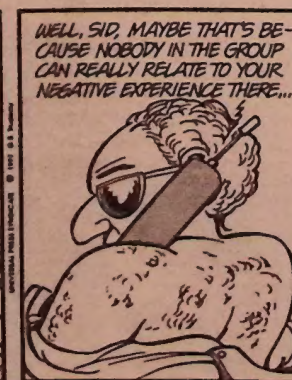
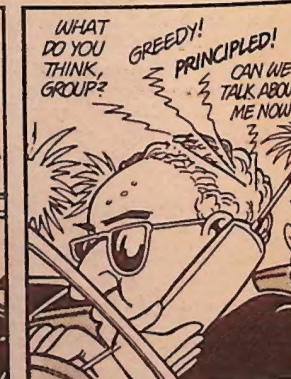
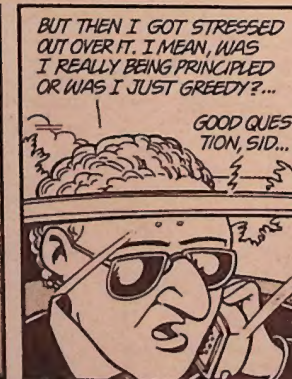
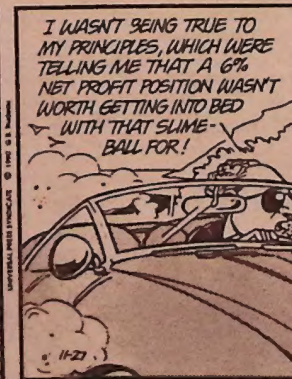
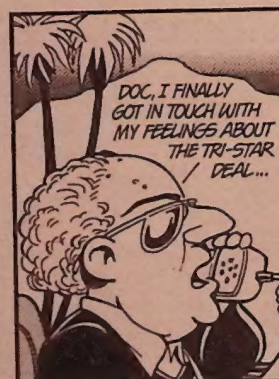


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